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REMARKS

The above amendment with the following remarks is submitted to be fully responsive to the Office Action of January 23, 2007. Reconsideration of this application in light of the amendment and the allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-28 were pending in the present application. Claims 1, 8, 14, and 20 are independent claims.

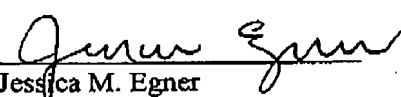
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the telephone interview on July 20, 2007, between Examiner Rimell and Applicants' undersigned attorney. The substance of that interview is summarized below.

The rejection of claims 1-19 and 21-28 under 35 U.S.C. 101 and 35 U.S.C. 112, (1st paragraph) for failure to satisfy the written description requirement is respectfully traversed in view of the above amendments. As a result of the above-noted telephonic interview, it was agreed that the above amendments would obviate the written description requirement rejection. Additionally, the rejection of claims 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki et al. (U.S. Patent 6,466,915) in view of Henrick (U.S. Patent 6,507,727) is respectfully traversed in view of the amendments. As a result of the above-noted telephonic interview, it was agreed that the above amendments would overcome the current obviousness rejection.

In view of all of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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